

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the specification on Page 1 lines 2 through 4 as follows:**

**Secure Transparent Virtual Private Networks**

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**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 as follows:**

The architecture 100 includes one or more local clients 101A-101B, a local transparent VPN service 102, a remote transparent VPN service 103, and one or more remote clients/services 104A-104B. It should ~~[[me]]~~ be noted that the local clients 101A-101B may also be services. The local transparent VPN service 102 communicates directly with the remote transparent VPN service 103 over an insecure network (*e.g.*, Internet) using secure communications, such as SSL, TLS or any other mutually agreed upon protocol 110.